

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**CLOSURE OF INSIDE WATERS OF THE SOUTHEAST SECTION TO  
TANNER CRAB FISHING IN THE KODIAK DISTRICT**

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-S-5-12**

In the Southeast Section of the Kodiak District, waters inside the three nautical mile territorial sea boundary will close to Tanner crab fishing at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Catch reports indicate harvest will approach survey estimates of allowable Tanner crab surplus. Further harvest is not warranted to protect the long-term health of Tanner crab in this area.

All pots within the closed area must be unbaited and doors open at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area in waters deeper than 25 fathoms for 72 hours. After 72 hours, all pots remaining in the closed area must be removed from the water or placed in waters shallower than 25 fathoms. Vessels operators are not required to deliver crab harvested from the closed area unless changing section registration.

Fishing outside of the three nautical mile territorial sea boundary in the Southeast Section will remain open until further notice.